[Translation]

Smuggling of Narcotics in Bihar

4953. SHRI LALIT ORAON: Will the Minster of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of smuggling of narcotics registered in Bihar during 1987–88, 1989–90 and 1990–91, district–wise;

(b) the quantity and the estimated value of the narcotics confiscated during this period, district–wise; and

(c) the details of smuggled electronic and other goods seized in each district during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Emoluments Limit for Bonus

4954. SHRI LALIT ORAON: Will the Minster of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to remove the emoluments limit of Rs. 2500/- for bonus to the Central Government employees;

(b) if so, the time by which the decision is likely to be taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) to (c). No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

[English]

Proposals from State Governments to Float Road Bonds

4955. SHRI M.G. REDDY:
SHRI RAMA KRISHNA KONATHALA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposals from the State Governments to float road bonds for the development of roads;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto; and

(d) the time by which a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c). A proposal from Government of Andhra Pradesh to float bonds for construction of roads and bridges was received but was not accepted.

(d) Question does not arise.

Development of Computerised System with Vision and Intelligence

4956. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a computerised system with vision and intelligence is in an advanced stage of development;

(b) if so the details thereof;

(c) how the Government propose to utilise this system; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be fully developed?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b). A project for development of 'image processing techniques for Defence applications' is under progress for last one year. It involves development of computer based vision system using artificial intelligence techniques to process remote sensing data from satellite.

(c) The know–how and technology developed under this project can be used in futuristic system for detection of ground based objects from satellite imagery.

(d) Techniques are likely to be developed by end 1995.

Development of High Resolution Pictures

4957. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minster of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to develop high resolution pictures showing ground objects in great details;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It will not be in the public interest to disclose details.

(c) Does not arise.

Export of Tender Coconut Water

4958. SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO: Will the Minster of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a great demand for tender coconut water in the international market; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to export the tender coconut water?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Pollution by D.T.C. Buses

4959. SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:
DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL:

Will the Minster of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the D.T.C Buses are in a bad condition and cause pollution much beyond the prescribed standards;

(b) if so, whether any pollution checking of D.T.C buses is conducted periodically;

(c) if so, the authority which certifies fitness of these vehicles; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). Some pollution is caused by D.T.C buses. Checking of DTC buses are conducted periodically to ensure that the vehicles meet the prescribed emission standards. In addition, Joint Checking Squads of the DTC and the State Transport Authority carry out random checks on line buses.